

his capture in August 1974. The report also concludes that, although their remains could not be recovered, the other four missing U.S. citizens in all likelihood did not survive the events in Cyprus in July and August 1974.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 22, 1998.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1998

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, June 3, 1998.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER, MAJORITY LEADER, AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS AUTHORIZED BY LAW OR BY THE HOUSE NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, June 3, 1998, the Speaker, majority leader, and minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### RESPONSE OF LORAL CORPORATION TO ALLEGATIONS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am holding in my hand a copy of the Loral Corporation's 2-page statement in response to allegations that Loral gave sensitive information to Communist China. This statement is stunning in its claim of innocence.

While the statement may be factually accurate, what is stunning and misleading is what is left out, what Loral does not say, and most of all the questions which remain unanswered. I urge every Member of this body, Democrats and Republicans alike, to read this statement by Loral and ask themselves if they are satisfied with its replies. Ask themselves the following questions:

Is Loral arguing that its review of the China rocket failures did not help the Communist Chinese government perfect its Long March missile?

Does Loral explain why it released its report to the Chinese before seeking approval from the State Department?

Does Loral fail to mention that high-technology transfers were under crimi-

nal investigation at the Justice Department for previous technology transfers to Communist China at the time of President Clinton's February 19, 1998, waiver?

Loral must come forward and provide more answers than these.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. EDWARDS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HUTCHINSON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CONYERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANKS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FILNER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. LINDA SMITH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### THE SITUATION IN KOSOVO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentle-

woman from New York (Mrs. KELLY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon I received the following message from Jason Miko with Mercy Corps International on the situation in Kosovo.

A Mother Theresa Society convoy of food aid was stopped and the aid was confiscated by the Yugoslav police forces on a road between Prishtina and Shtime. The four-truck convoy, three 10-ton trucks, one 5-ton truck, and one Range Rover, belonging to Mercy Corps, an international relief agency, and driven by Mercy Corps staff, was held by the police.

The convoy was destined for the Mother Theresa Society warehouse in Shtime when it was stopped at a police check point, police, called the financial/marketing police, which is another branch within the government, who came from a nearby town. The convoy was then impounded. The police told them to come back next Tuesday and took their documents, which were in order, without giving them a receipt for the food aid or the documents.

Mr. Speaker, that food aid is probably lost forever, and, meanwhile, the ethnic Albanian population in Kosovo continues to suffer from the oppression of Serbian President Milosevic. The incidents I have described are but the latest example of that oppression.

Earlier this week, there were new reports of rapidly escalating acts of violence and murder perpetrated by Serbian military and police forces in Kosovo against innocent, defenseless civilians, including women and children.

These actions represent a serious setback to achieving a lasting peace in Kosovo, as well as a major obstacle to any negotiations on easing the sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I understand that there are two sides to the dispute in Kosovo, but cultural or historic differences should not be an excuse for bombing defenseless villages and schools and killing innocent people who want nothing more than to live and raise their families in peace and security, while having a say in their government.

Mr. Speaker, Milosevic must stop his military campaign against the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. He must negotiate a lasting and peaceful solution that recognizes the rights of all Kosovans.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SANCHEZ) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. SANCHEZ addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. MORELLA addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BERRY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BERRY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS JEOPARDIZE NATIONAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to spend the last few moments before we break for the Memorial Day work period to discuss an issue that has been in the national news this week and that has occupied the minds of most of our colleagues in this body and the other body; and that is the issue of proliferation.

We have seen a lot of discussion in the national media about the most recent transfer of technology from American corporations, most specifically the Loral Corporation, the Hughes Corporation, to China that may, in fact, jeopardize our national security and pose threats to us.

The issue of proliferation, Mr. Speaker, is not a new one. In fact, a week and a half ago, on May 13, I did a 40-minute special order on this floor where I documented in the public record 37 specific cases over the past 6 years of proliferation by Russia and China to Iran, Iraq, to India and Pakistan.

At that time, I said to our colleagues, Mr. Speaker, that we must take more aggressive action in imposing sanctions and enforcing requirements provided in our arms control agreements.

This week, Mr. Speaker, we have seen some of the results of that lack of inaction in enforcing those arms control agreements. In fact, we have seen the escalation of the conflict and the rhetoric and saber rattling between India and Pakistan.

Much of that technology, Mr. Speaker, that both of those Nations now have came from both Russia and China. We should have and could have stopped that proliferation. Iran and Iraq are both now developing medium range missiles. Iran will have one within 12 to 18 months. Again that technology came from Russia.

Again, our action should have been able to stop it. The Congress is talking about proliferation. And the White House, through spokesman Mike McCurry, has basically said it is a knee-jerk reaction, that the Congress is now voting as we did yesterday on the defense authorization bill to limit the transfer of technology to China.

I would remind the White House, Mr. Speaker, that it was back in November

of last year that this Congress voted overwhelmingly with almost 400 votes to force the administration to impose sanctions on Russia because of transfers to Iran.

Mr. Speaker, this is a serious issue, but I want to leave our colleagues with two important points. First of all, let us make sure that when we impanel this special task force, the select committee, after we return from the break, that we do not politicize it.

The issue is national security. We must focus in a very deliberate way on what damage has been caused by the most recent transfer of technology by the Loral Corporation to China. We must not allow this special select committee to be politicized by either side of the aisle.

Secondarily, Mr. Speaker, we must remember that, while we must investigate whether or not the Chinese government deliberately try to acquire this technology and circumvent our laws, we must not rush to judgment, because trade with China is critical and important.

My concern is that we not overreact, overreacting then causing further isolation in our relationships with China.

Mr. Speaker, we saw a situation like this occur just a few short years ago when the President initially refused to grant a waiver for a visa for Taiwan President Li Teng-hui to come speak at his alma mater at Cornell. The day after that rejection by the administration, the Congress overwhelmingly voted in both bodies to overturn the President and allow President Li Teng-hui to come here, as I think he should have been able to do.

The problem is that we sent mixed signals to China. China read that as a deliberate slap in their face. That then partially led to the escalation of what could have been a very serious conflict as we sent our carrier battle groups up on the straits of Taiwan.

We do not need another confrontation with China. We must get to the bottom of what happened in the Loral technology transfer. We must have Members on both sides of the aisle who are serious sit down behind closed doors and assess whether or not our security has been jeopardized.

When we are done, if, in fact, it has been jeopardized, we must then determine why the administration took the actions they took. We must then take steps to deal with the results of what we have found. Until that happens, we must reserve our rhetoric; we must make sure that we base our decisions on fact.

I would encourage our colleagues to think carefully about this over the break because, when we return in June, this will be the major issue that will be the focus of this body and the Nation through the rest of this summer.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GREEN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of family business.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of official business.

Mr. DEFAZIO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of official business in the district.

Mr. BURR of North Carolina (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 2 p.m., on account of illness in the family.

Mr. QUINN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of family reasons.

Mr. RIGGS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 9:15 a.m., on account of illness.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas for 5 minutes today.

The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. HEFNER for 5 minutes today.

The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. HAYWORTH.

The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WHITFIELD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DOOLEY of California) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. EDWARDS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BERRY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. KELLY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows: